

The Farmers' Market

WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, May 30, 1914)

Wheat—This week has brought to the front no particular feature from the speculative viewpoint. After opening easier on pressure in the new crop months of the United States markets on reports of heavy rain fall where most needed over the winter crop, and while prices declined here into 4, they gained almost all of this the next market day; on good keen cash demand and buying orders of our wheat from the outside. Later in the week trading was very quiet both in futures and spot wheat, the latter especially so, owing to exporters having got together sufficient for their immediate requirements and not taking anything more until the May option was out of the way. Consistent reports of dry weather over the southern part of Saskatchewan are being received here, which has tended to strengthen our new crop month, October, and this month shows a gain of 1c for the week compared with loss on the July. Crop conditions over Manitoba are splendid as well as the greater part of Alberta, but rain is needed badly over the southern part of Saskatchewan, and should this not be received no doubt the new crop month will quickly close up on the July.

Oats—Inclined to heaviness thruout the week owing to lack of demand for No. 2 C.W. and pressure in American oats. The feature of the week was the keen demand for 3 C.W.s which at one time were worth as much as No. 2 C.W.

Barley—Quick market prevailed here for this grain and prices do not show much change excepting for No. 4 C.W., which is 1c lower. Cash demand for higher grades poor.

Flax—Dull market during early part of the week, but later more business was done in this grain and prices did considerably better. Closing values show gains of 1 1/2c for spot and 2c on the new crop month, October.

Wheat	May	July	Oct.
May 26	94 1/2	95 1/2	86 1/2
May 27	94 1/2	95 1/2	86 1/2
May 28	95 1/2	95 1/2	87 1/2
May 29	94 1/2	95 1/2	87 1/2
May 30	94 1/2	95 1/2	88 1/2
June 1	94 1/2	95 1/2	88 1/2

May	July	Oct.
May 26	38 1/2	38 1/2
May 27	38 1/2	38 1/2
May 28	37 1/2	38 1/2
May 29	37 1/2	38 1/2
May 30	37 1/2	38 1/2
June 1	38 1/2	38 1/2

May	July	Oct.
May 26	137	139
May 27	137 1/2	139
May 28	137 1/2	139 1/2
May 29	138 1/2	140
May 30	138 1/2	140 1/2
June 1	141 1/2	141 1/2

No.	Grade	Price
No. 1	hard wheat, 1 car, dockage	80 97
No. 1	hard wheat, 1,000 bu., to arrive	95 1/2
No. 1	Nor. wheat, 1 car	92 1/2
No. 1	Nor. wheat, part car	92 1/2
No. 1	Nor. wheat, 1 car	92 1/2
No. 1	Nor. wheat, 1 car	94 1/2
No. 1	Nor. wheat, 1 car	94 1/2
No. 1	Nor. wheat, 1 car	92 1/2
No. 1	Nor. wheat, 1 car	94 1/2
No. 1	Nor. wheat, 1 car	94 1/2
No. 2	Nor. wheat, 1 car	90 1/2
No. 2	Nor. wheat, 1 car, dockage	92 1/2
No. 2	Nor. wheat, 2 cars	91 1/2
No. 2	Nor. wheat, 1 car	92
No. 2	Nor. wheat, 3 cars	90
No. 2	Nor. wheat, 1 car	91 1/2
No. 2	Nor. wheat, 1 car	91 1/2
No. 2	Nor. wheat, part car	90 1/2
No. 2	Nor. wheat, 1 car	90 1/2
No. 2	Nor. wheat, 2 cars	91
No. 2	Nor. wheat, 1 car	91 1/2
No. 3	wheat, 1 car, transit	90 1/2
No. 3	wheat, 1 car, dockage	91 1/2
No. 3	wheat, 1 car	89 1/2
No. 3	wheat, part car, sample	85
Rejected	wheat, 1 car	89 1/2
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Sample	grade wheat, 1 car	84 1/2
No	grade wheat, 1 car	87
No.	2 durum wheat, 4 cars	88
No.	1 durum wheat, 1 car, mixed	89
No.	2 hard winter wheat, 1,000 bu., settlement	92 1/2
No.	2 hard winter wheat, 1 car	94 1/2
No.	3 oats, 1 car	34 1/2
No.	4 white oats, 1 car	37 1/2
No.	3 oats, 3 cars	35 1/2

No.	Grade	Price
No. 1	feed barley, 1 car	48
No. 1	feed barley, 1 car	52
No. 1	feed barley, 2 cars	53
No. 1	feed barley, 1 car	49
No. 1	feed barley, 1 car	50
No. 2	feed barley, 1 car	51 1/2
Sample	barley, 1 car	47
Sample	barley, 1 car	50
Sample	barley, 1 car	53

CALGARY LIVESTOCK

Calgary, May 30.—Receipts of livestock at Calgary this week were as follows: 905 cattle, 180 sheep, 5,640 hogs, and 44 horses. Cattle continue strong, with not enough good cattle coming to supply the demand. All good cattle sold readily for the past week, while half fat cattle were slow and hard to sell. We look for the demand to hold strong for good cattle, as the grass in the South of Alberta is about two weeks ahead of last year and will bring only grass beef to the market. We would advise shippers not to hold their grain-fed cattle too long, for there is certain to be a big drop as soon as grass cattle start to come. Dealers quote the following prices: Steers, choice butcher, 87 3/5; common butcher, 87 3/5; feeders, 85 7/5 to 86 00; stockers, light, 84 7/5 to 86 00; Heifers, choice heavy, 86 50; common, 86 00; stocker, 86 00; light, 85 50. Cows, choice heavy, 86 00; common, 85 25 to 85 75; thin, 84 00 to 85 00. Calves, heavy, 86 00 to 87 00; light (to 200 lbs.), 88 00. Springers, choice, 86 50 to 88 00; common, 85 00 to 86 00. Bulls, 84 00 to 85 25. Oxen, choice, 85 00 to 86 10; common, 83 30 to 84 50. Lambs, 87 00. Sheep, wethers, 86 50; ewes, 85 75. Hogs are falling off in receipts and buyers are wanting a few more hogs than they are able to get, which makes the trade very good and a keen market. A few loads were sold at 87 15, while one load brought 87 20. We look for a good market for the coming week. Choice hogs, off cars, 87 00 to 87 15; rough hogs, 1 cent to 2 cents off.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

Chicago, Ill., May 30.—Cattle—Receipts 200. Market slow. Beeves, 87 40 to 89 30; Texas steers, 87 00 to 88 15; stockers and feeders, 86 35 to 88 35; cows and heifers, 83 70 to 83 75; calves, 87 00 to 89 50.

Hogs—Receipts 8,000. Market active. Light, 87 85 to 88 07 1/2; mixed, 87 85 to 88 10; heavy, 87 60 to 88 10; rough, 87 60 to 87 75; pigs, 87 00 to 87 80; bulk of sales, 88 00 to 88 05.

Sheep—Receipts 2,000. Market quiet. Native, 85 25 to 86 15; yearlings, 86 10 to 87 00; lambs, native, 86 15 to 88 20; spring lambs, 87 00 to 89 75.

Hog prices gave way under pressure from a big left-over supply from last night. Cattle sellers were handicapped by the quality of offerings being poor and because demand from beef consumers

was restricted. There was a fair call for sheep and lambs.

	Close	Prev. Close
Manitoba No. 1, per bushel	81 10 1/2	81 10 1/2
Manitoba No. 2, per bushel	1 08 1/2	1 09 1/2
Manitoba No. 3, per bushel	1 07 1/2	1 07 1/2
Futures Firm		
July, per bushel	1 07	1 06 1/2
October, per bushel	1 04 1/2	1 03 1/2

Basis of exchange on which prices per bushel are based is 84 82 2/3.—Manitoba Free Press.

1914	1913	
1 hard	123,925 50	5,623 00
1 Nor.	2,818,472 20	354,041 00
2 Nor.	1,038,855 20	2,031,345 00
3 Nor.	236,308 00	1,409,111 00
No. 4	110,085 20	330,805 00
Others	846,574 45	2,941,689 40

This week	Last week	This week	Last week
This week	5,169,221 33	This week	7,132,624 40
Last week	6,960,152 23	Last week	6,907,046 40
Decrease	1,790,930 50	Increase	225,568 00

Wheat	Oats	Barley
Wheat	42,116	9,582
Oats	2,687,032	1,539,274
Barley	524,051	229,036

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Wheat	5,169,221	4,125,225
Oats	12,995,593	8,395,610
Barley	2,630,474	1,132,590

ST. PAUL LIVESTOCK

South St. Paul, Minn., May 30.—Livestock receipts were as follows: 289 cattle, 1,910 hogs, 20 sheep.

Generally steady clearance was made for the light run of fat cattle here today, altho bulls sold lower than a week ago. Stockers and feeders, and especially feeding cows, showed up to good advantage in comparison with sales early in the week. Veal calves and dairy cows drew unchanged rates.

Prices for killing cattle ranged between, steers,

Cash Grain	Winnipeg	Minneapolis
1 Nor. wheat	80 94 1/2	80 94 1/2
2 Nor. wheat	93 1/2	92 1/2
3 Nor. wheat	91 1/2	90 1/2
3 white oats	37	38 1/2
Barley	45 1/2	45 57
Flax, No. 1	1 38	1 58 1/2

July wheat	Sept. wheat	Winnipeg	Chicago
July wheat	Sept. wheat	87 1/2	87 1/2
Beef Cattle, top		87 95	89 30
Hogs, top		7 35	8 27 1/2
Sheep, yearlings		5 50	7 05

\$8 00 to \$8 50; cows and heifers, \$5 00 to \$7 75; canners, \$3 75 to \$4 50; cutters, \$4 50 to \$5 00; bulls, \$5 50 to \$6 75; veal calves, \$6 00 to \$8 75. Market steady, veal calves steady. Stockers and feeders, \$5 50 to \$7 50; stock steers, \$5 50 to \$7 40; stock cows and heifers, \$4 25 to \$7 25; stock bulls, \$5 00 to \$6 00. Market steady. Prices for hogs ranged from \$7 75 to \$7 80. Market 5 cents lower. Shorn sheep and lambs—Prices were as follows: Lambs, \$3 50 to \$7 25; spring lambs, \$6 50 to \$9 00; yearlings, \$5 00 to \$6 35; bucks, \$2 50 to \$3 50; wethers, \$4 50 to \$5 50; ewes, \$2 00 to \$3 00. Market steady.

Winnipeg Live Stock Stockyard Receipts

Receipts at the Union stockyards during the past week were as follows: 807 cattle, 6,401 hogs, and 15 sheep. At the C.P.R. stockyards they were: 176 cattle, 1,584 hogs, 794 sheep, and 39 calves.

Cattle—This week there has been a falling off in receipts of both hogs and cattle, but there still continues enough to meet all present requirements. Among the finished cattle were received some of the very best that have been consigned to the yards and the top price paid for such animals was \$7 95. The bulk of the good ones, however, sold at from \$7 50 to \$7 85. Demand for the best finished cattle remains firm at present values and this also holds true in relation to female stock, cows selling as well as at any time this season. Prices paid for good cows range from \$6 00 to \$6 50, and for heifers from \$6 25 to \$7 00. There is a good demand for bulls, \$5 00 to \$6 00 being paid for the most desirable kind. The season for stockers and feeders is just about over, while milkers and springers are in good demand, at prices ranging from \$65 to \$90. On the whole the trade, in sympathy with the Southern markets, is 50 to 75 cents lower. Veal calves are steady, ranging from \$7 50 to \$8 50.

Hogs—The hog market has been generally active this week, best hogs selling at \$7 35. Outside orders coupled with good local demand have tended to keep the market fairly steady.

Sheep—Demand is good for mutton of any kind and prices are fair, ranging from \$5 00 to \$6 00 per head for spring lamb, depending on weight and quality.

Country Produce

Butter—Note.—Quotations are l.o.b. Winnipeg, except those for cream, which are l.o.b. point of shipment. Altho the grass has become quite plentiful, there is so far no appreciable drop in the price of butter. It is probable, however, that next week prices will be lower. Dealers quote as follows: Fancy dairy 20 to 21 cents, No. 1, 18 cents, and good round lots, 15 to 16 cents.

Eggs—The egg supply has not shown any increase during the past week and prices remain the same. Farmers should take notice of advice which is being given by the Department of Agriculture and various farm journals in regard to disposing of the roosters as soon as the breeding season is over. By careful attention to this matter and a little care in selection on the part of the shipper, the price for eggs all summer could be much improved. Dealers are paying this week 20 cents a dozen for fresh eggs.

Potatoes—Potatoes are a good price just now and so they are likely to remain until new potatoes arrive in quantities on the market. Already from Texas new potatoes are being received, but the price is around \$2 40 per bushel, making them too dear for ordinary purposes. Dealers state, however, that in the course of two or three weeks they will be available in sufficient quantities for market at \$1 50 a bushel. When these arrive at this price the price for home-grown potatoes will probably fall. This week the price for potatoes is from \$0 90 to \$0 95.

Milk and Cream—The price paid for sweet milk this month has dropped to 15 cents. This is due to the presence of the June grass, which has stimulated the milk flow, and to use a dealer's expression, "Oceans of milk are available." The price of cream remains unchanged, altho there is a probability that it will drop this week. The price for sweet cream is 28 cents, and sour cream, depending on the quality, 23 to 24 cents.

Hay—The hay market is about the same as last week. The demand still continues very good and altho the supply is fairly plentiful, it still is not abundant enough to tend to lower prices at all. Prices will remain about the same for a few weeks, until fresh cut hay is available. Dealers quote as follows: No. 1 Red Top, \$16; No. 2, \$14; No. 1 Upland, \$14 to \$15; No. 2, \$13 to \$14; Midland, No. 1, \$13 to \$14; No. 2, \$12 to \$13; No. 1 Timothy, \$21, and No. 2, \$19.

Live Poultry—At this season of the year the trade in live poultry is very quiet. Prices are quoted as follows: Live fowls, 14 cents a pound; turkeys, 16 cents; ducks, 12 cents; geese, 10 cents, and young roosters, 10 cents.

Cash Prices Fort William and Port Arthur from May 26 to June 1 inclusive

Date	WHEAT				OATS				BARLEY				FLAX								
	1*	2*	3*	4	5	6	Feed	2CW	3CW	Ex1Fd	1Fd	2Fd	No. 3	No. 4	Rej.	Feed.	1NW	2CW	3CW	Rej.	
May 26	94 1/2	93	91 1/2	87 1/2	80 1/2	75 1/2	70 1/2	58 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	40 1/2	48 1/2	46	45 1/2	137	133 1/2			
May 27	95	93 1/2	92	88	80 1/2	75 1/2	70 1/2	58	37 1/2	37 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	40 1/2	48	45 1/2	45 1/2	137	134			
May 28	95 1/2	93 1/2	92 1/2	88 1/2	80 1/2	75 1/2	70 1/2	58 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	40 1/2	48	45 1/2	45 1/2	137 1/2	134 1/2	121		
May 29	94 1/2	93 1/2	91 1/2	88	80 1/2	75 1/2	70 1/2	57 1/2	37	37	36 1/2	36 1/2	40 1/2	47 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	138	135	121 1/2		
May 30	94 1/2	93 1/2	91 1/2	88	80 1/2	75 1/2	70 1/2	57 1/2	37	37	36 1/2	36 1/2	40 1/2	47 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	138 1/2	135 1/2	121 1/2		
June 1	94 1/2	93 1/2	91 1/2	87 1/2	80 1/2	75 1/2	70 1/2	57 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	40 1/2	48	46	45 1/2	139 1/2	136 1/2	124 1/2		

THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE CORRECTED TO MONDAY, JUNE 1

Winnipeg Grain	MON. DAY	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO	Winnipeg Live Stock	MON. DAY	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO	Country Produce	MON. DAY	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Cash Wheat				Cattle				Butter (per lb.)			
No. 1 Nor.	94 1/2	95 1/2	93 1/2	Extra choice steers	8 e. 8 c.	8 c. 8 c.	8 c. 8 c.	Fancy dairy	20c-21c	20c-21c	25c
No. 2 Nor.	93 1/2	93 1/2	91 1/2	Best butcher steers and heifers	7 50-7 95	7 50-7 75	7 25-7 75	No. 1 dairy	20c	20c	22c
No. 3 Nor.	91 1/2	92 1/2	88	Fair to good butcher steers and heifers	7 25-7 50	7 00-7 25	6 75-7 25	Good round lots	15c-16c	15c-16c	18c
No. 4	87 1/2	88 1/2	84 1/2	Best fat cows	6 75-7 25	6 50-7 00	6 25-6 75	Eggs (per doz.)			
No. 5	80 1/2	80 1/2	74	Medium cows	6 25-6 50	6 25-6 50	6 25-6 75	Strictly new laid	20c	20c	18c
No. 6	75 1/2	75 1/2	70 1/2	Common cows	5 50-6 00	5 50-6 00	5 25-5 75	Potatoes			
Feed	70 1/2	70 1/2	58	Best bulls	5 00-5 25	5 00-5 25	4 25-4 75	In sacks, per bushel	90c-95c	90c	90c-95c
Cash Oats				Com'n and medium bulls	5 50-6 00	5 25-5 50	5 00-5 50	Live Poultry			
No. 2 C.W.	37 1/2	38 1/2	34 1/2	Choice veal calves	4 50-5 00	4 50-5 00	4 25-4 75	Young Roosters	10c	10c	
Cash Barley				Heavy calves	7 50-8 50	7 50-8 50	7 00-8 00	Powls	12c-15c	12c-15c	
No. 3	49 1/2	49 1/2	47 1/2	Best milkers and springers (each)	5 50-6 00	5 50-6 00	6 00-7 00	Ducks	12c	12c	
Cash Flax				Com'n milkers and springers (each)	865-890	865-880	865-880	Geese	15c	15c	
No. 1 N.W.	139 1/2	137	114 1/2	Hogs	845-855	840-850	845-855	Turkeys	15c	15c	
Wheat Futures				Choice hogs	87 35	87 25	89 00	Milk and Cream			
July	95 1/2	96 1/2	95 1/2	Heavy hogs	86 00	86 00	87 00	Sweet cream (per lb. butterfat)	28c	28c	32c
October	88 1/2	87 1/2	90 1/2	Stags	84 80	84 80	85 00	Cream for butter-making purposes (per lb. butterfat)	25c-		